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Three Cities Art Club will present the 6th annual juried artist's exhibition at Westland Gallery at City Hall through Jan. 30.

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Businesses awarded training grants

This week, the Michigan Talent Investment Agency (TIA) announced the approval of $2.6 million in Skilled Trades Training Funds to 61 businesses in Wayne and Monroe counties. Among the recipients were several Romulus businesses, including: Environmental Testing and Consulting, Inc. $68,798; National Metal Sales, Inc. $3,000; Rapid Response EMS $30,925 and YAPP USA-Romulus $16,746.

The talent investment agency encourages employers to design training models that are adaptable in real time to the ever-changing skill requirements of employers. Training must be short-term in duration and lead to a credential for a skill that is transferable and recognized by industry. Employers who request funding must actively participate in the development of the training and must commit to retaining individuals who successfully complete the training.

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"Training new and incumbent employees is essential to the continued economic growth in Michigan. We are fortunate that the Governor and the Legislature have made this a funding priority." said Charlie (Charlotte) Mahoney, chairperson of South East Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) Workforce Development Board.

"SEMCA Michigan Works! has done an outstanding job providing assistance to employers in Wayne and Monroe County

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Season's greetings

Local student creates card

The annual Christmas card from Catholic Central High School this year may help one student decide on his educational future.

The card was created as part of an art class competition at the high school by 17-year-old Christian Johnson of Canton Township. Johnson, a junior, said he has not decided on whether to pursue an education in art, but the honor of having his work chosen for the "official" card of the school might help him decide.

Christian Johnson

Johnson has attended Catholic Central since 9th grade after attending Allen Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"I really enjoy it," he said of his school. "It's really cool here."

Johnson said his favorite art medium is pencil, with which he created the selected card, using images he researched online and elsewhere for inspiration.

"I like to draw realistic things," he said, "and I enjoy using colored pencil to work."

Johnson said that the school may announce that he created the drawing for the card when they are printed but there really was no prize awarded for the work, other than the satisfaction of being chosen from about 20 other student entries.

He said he has been drawing since he "was a little kid" and that he really enjoyed the art classes at the Plymouth Community Art Center, although he admitted, with his

Christian Johnson's drawing, above, was chosen for the Catholic Central High School holiday card this year.

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Officials donate holiday food to veterans

For the fourth consecutive year, elected officials will be providing holiday meals for area veterans who may be in need.

The program is headed by Westland Mayor William Wild, State Rep. Robert Kosowski and Vic Barra, president of the Wayne-Ford Civic League. They will be joined in the effort to provide groceries for a traditional holiday meal for veterans this year by Westland City Council President James Godbout and Councilman-elect Jim Hart.

"I have always been an advocate for our veterans. We have men and women who ask for nothing in return for all they have given for us. This is a very small gesture that we all can and should get behind," Hart said..

> *It is an honor and privilege for me and my family to roll up our sleeves, shake their hands, and show our thanks.*

"It is an honor and privilege for me and my family to roll up our sleeves, shake their hands, and show our thanks," he added.

The officials will provide veterans in need with a choice of either a turkey or ham, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce and heat-and-serve rolls.

Westland veterans should call Wild's office at (734) 467-3200 or Kosowski's office at (517) 373-2576 to register for the groceries. Requests will be taken until Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Food will be distributed from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23.

"I am thrilled to be able to participate with my colleagues in such an incredible program this year," commented Godbout.

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Trains continue to block Plymouth roads

Don Howard
Staff Writer

On the heels of formal complaints to government officials by area community leaders, a CSX Railroad crew again blocked intersections and upset motorists in Plymouth when they strategically parked the train across four major intersections; Mill, Ann Arbor Trail, Farmer and Main streets Dec. 2.

Informed sources said they suspected the Saturday morning stoppage, which continued from about 10 a.m. could have been a union response to comments during a Nov. 28 meeting, organized by Senator Debbie Stabenow, between representatives from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Huron Township and Livonia along with CSC railroad officials.

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The area leaders, CSX North Region Superintendent Robert Dales and Federal Railroad Administration officials-connected by a conference call, talked about the dangers of delayed public safety response times and constant blocked crossings. Stabenow did not attend the meeting.

Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva who represented the township at the meeting, said railroad officials blamed scheduling problems and union issues for the ongoing delays. Vorva said he had doubts Stabenow's office would foster any new legislation that would help the problem.

Over past months Plymouth officials have posted signs at various city crossings urging motorists to report emergencies to CSX and the federal railroad administration. Vorva said he learned there are only three railroad detectives in all of Michigan to respond.

In a news release, Dales stated he has "adjusted some train schedules" and has "installed underground air compressors" in three locations to recharge the cars' air braking systems more quickly. Dales stated computer malfunctions caused the recent nine-hour blockage in Plymouth last month and are still a possibility.

CSX Regional Vice President

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Belleville - Canton

2 veteran officers retire from force

Two veteran officers of the Canton Public Safety Department have recently retired.

Police Lt. Scott Hughesdon ended his 27-year public safety career in November and Police Ofc, Michael Kowalski will leave the department where he has served for 23 years this month.

Hughesdon was hired by the department in 1990 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2006 and to lieutenant in 2013. Early on as a police officer, Hughesdon participated in numerous special units including assignments as a detective in the Western Wayne Criminal Investigations Unit, a motor officer in the selective enforcement unit, a range instructor and as a field training officer. In his most current position as lieutenant, he served as a platoon commander in the patrol division, overseeing the day-to-day operations of his shift consisting of sergeants, patrol officers and public safety service officers. He was also responsible for providing training, direction and motivation to his shift, enhancing their level of performance while on patrol, police officials said.

Throughout his career, Hughesdon received numerous awards and citations, as well as written compliments from citizens who were recipients of the kindness and professionalism he displayed during every shift, according to an official statement from the department.

Kowalski was hired by the Canton department in 1994, starting his 23-year career as a police officer. During his career, Kowalski participated in numerous special assignments including the bicycle unit, evidence technician unit, fire investigation unit, and the accident investigation unit. He also served as a field training officer, working with the newest department officers. Kowalski most notably left his mark with the department as an undercover officer, working one-third of his career assigned as a detective with the Western Wayne Criminal Investigations Unit, a consortium of area police departments, led by the Michigan State Police. In this assignment, Kowalski was able to use his street-smart policing instincts and techniques to assist in high-level criminal investigations and arrests, according to police officials.

Scott Hughesdon

Michael Kowalski

"The police department is losing two valuable members of the organization," said Canton Township Public Safety Director Joshua Meier. "Scott and Mike both made significant contributions to the organization and to the Canton community-their presence will be notably missed."

Community Chorus to present annual holiday concert

Belleville Community Chorus members will present their 12th annual holiday concert, It's Time For Caroling, beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 9.

The free concert will take place at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

The production will be directed by Sue Hiser and Steve Ko, with accompaniment by Kevin Shay and a variety of instrumentalists. The concert will include songs of the season along with performances by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus.

The concert is free although donations to help support the group are welcome.

For more information about the chorus, or joining the group, contact Pete Jones at (734) 731- 0829 or email to Plrmj@msn.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus strives to improve its musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule. The generosity of donors and sponsors supports community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

Card

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schedule he hasn't been there in awhile.

He spent about four weeks on the creation of the chosen drawing, he said. The youngest of four children of Steve and Sheila Johnson, he added that neither of his brothers or his sister shares his interest in art.

That doesn't mean his talent is unappreciated, though. His parents, he said, have ordered about 300 of the cards to send to family and friends to celebrate the holiday season.

"I'm still undecided about going to school for art. But, maybe," Johnson said.

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on December 20th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Publish: December 7th, 2017

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of November 28, 2017, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2018:

01/08/18*02/05/18, 03/05/18, 04/09/18*, 05/07/18, 06/04/18, 07/09/18, 08/13/18*, 09/10/18*, 10/08/18, 11/19/18*, 12/03/18

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Greg Greene - Chairman
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2017 for the following:

BATTERY POWERED HYDRAULIC LIFT AMBULANCE COT/STRETCHER

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 21, 2017 for the following:

LICENSE PLATE READER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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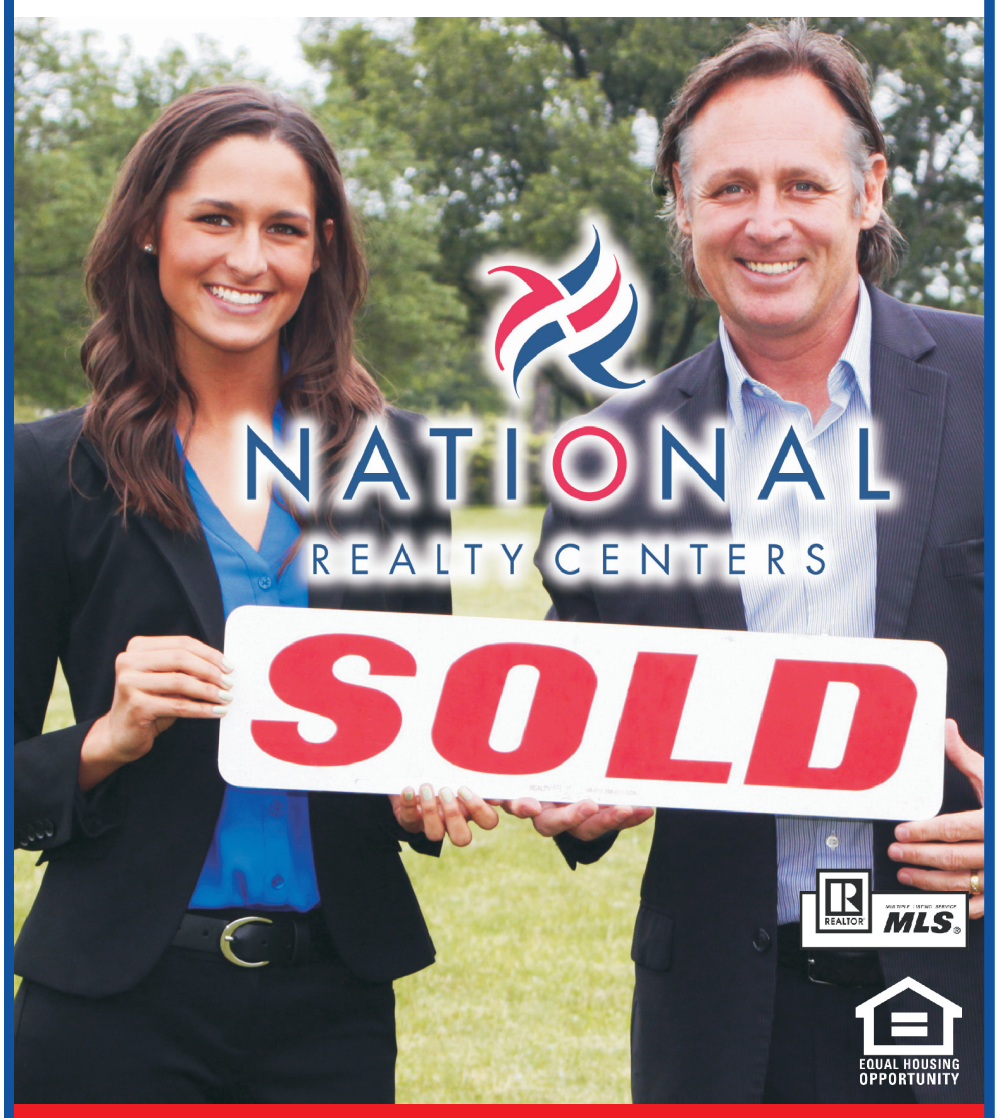

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Schools hire new assistant superintendent

Aaron Baughman has been named assistant superintendent of instruction for Northville Public Schools.

Members of the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Baughman's appointment at the Nov. 28 meeting. He succeeds Deanna Barash, who left the district in early September to take a position with another school district.

Baughman comes to Northville Public Schools from Wayne-Westland Community Schools where he served for the past five years as executive director of curriculum overseeing K-12 curriculum for all subject areas district-wide. He joined Wayne-Westland Community Schools fresh out of college in 2001 as a fourth and fifth grade teacher. In his 16 years with Wayne-Westland, Baughman served in a number of roles including as an elementary and middle school teacher, a middle school assistant principal and principal, and the district director of professional development.

"Aaron Baughman is known as a passionate educator and lifelong learner who promotes instructional excellence and student learning through collaborative relationships with teachers and administrators, as well as students, families and the community," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "We are happy to have Aaron joining our central office leadership team and are excited about the depth and breadth of experience he will bring to Northville Public Schools."

Baughman has a bachelor of arts, majoring in English with a minor in elementary education, from William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. He earned his Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate from Madonna University in Livonia, with endorsements in elementary, K-5 all subjects; K-8 self-contained classroom and grades 6-8 in English. Baughman also has a Master of Science in Administration specializing in educational leadership from Madonna.

"Northville has a long tradition of excellence and I am excited about being part of such an amazing community of learners and educators," Baughman said. "I am eager to begin the work of developing and cultivating relationships across the district to benefit the students and staff of Northville Public Schools.

"I had the opportunity to meet with many stakeholders in the district during the selection process and I can tell that this is a district where great people make great things happen every day.That is an exciting outlook and I can't wait to dive in and get started."

Baughman has been married for 20 years to his wife, Jennifer, a middle school teacher in South Redford. The couple has two children, a son, Malachi, 13, and a daughter, Molly, 10.

Aaron Baughman

Railroad

FROM PAGE 1

Tom Livingston promised to work on a protocol for better communication. During the meeting with officials Plymouth Mayor Pro tem Colleen Pobur said that communication could ease the frustration caused by the blockages.

"If you know there's going to be a blockage, tell us and we can let our citizens know," she said. Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox added, "If we have the information, we can manage our problems."

Those comments prompted Livingston's promise to "work on a protocol for communication."

PUPS bringing Dickens to stage

The Plymouth Uptown Players Youth Theater Program will present 35 local actors, ages 7-13, in the classic Dickens' story, A Christmas Carol, this weekend.

Performances will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; at 11 a.m. Saturday Dec. 9 and at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. All seats are $6 and tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Plymouth Uptown Players is a cooperative program between Tipping Point Theatre in Northville and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Rehearsals take place Sunday evenings at the arts council building in Plymouth, with dress rehearsals and performances on the professional stage at Tipping Point in Northville. Tipping Point provides directors for the school-year theater program, summer theater camps, and week-long middle school drama workshops hosted by the arts council.

> *"Our cooperative program with Tipping Point Theater has been amazing."*

"Our cooperative program with Tipping Point Theater has been amazing. Artistic director James Kuhl and I share a common philosophy about the program; that it be an actor-centered program that develops young people into confident students while providing a team/cast environment of peers with common interests," said Plymouth Arts Council Executive Director Lisa Howard.

"Tipping Point is top-notch, with actors and staff that support our youth endeavors alongside their adult program. Our current director, Sonja Marquis, has been associated with both Tipping Point as an actress, and Plymouth Community Arts Council as a theater director, for over four years," she added.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. A full schedule of classes, exhibits, school break workshops, and art lectures can be found at www.plymoutharts.com. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 28, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Deputy Director - Police Baugh, Deputy Police Chief Wilshire, Lt. Harrison, Lt. Sullivan, Sgt. Traylor, Assistant/Communications Specialist Caruso, Police Officer Kuznicki, Deputy Director – Fire Stoecklein, **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Foster, supported by Slavens to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **RECOGNITION: Retirement – Police Lieutenant – Scott Hughesdon** Motion by Slavens, supported by Siegrist to enter the following resolution into the public record. Motion carried unanimously. **Retirement Recognition – Police Lt. Scott Hughesdon** Scott Hughesdon hired on to the Canton Police Department in 1990; he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2006, and to Lieutenant in 2013. Scott's dedication to providing a quality Police service to the Canton community has been evident throughout his 28-year career. Over the years, Scott has served in several prominent special assignments within the department, including that of Detective, Motor Officer, Range Instructor and Field Training Officer. In his role as Lieutenant, Scott successfully managed, trained and mentored his Platoon consisting of Sergeants, Patrol Officers and PSSO's. Due to his compassion, knowledge, leadership and commitment to excellence, Scott retires leaving an exceptional Police Department in place. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton upon recommendation of the Director of Public Safety, does hereby recognize Scott Hughesdon for his commendable contribution to the Canton community and to the Canton Public Safety Department. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, inquired about watermain, drainage, and road repairs within the township. Mike Schultz inquired about panhandling along Michigan Avenue as well as at the intersection of Geddes and Sheldon Road. Mr. Williams instructed the resident to contact our police department to report this whenever he sees it happening. Treasurer Slavens requested the Board of Trustees recognize Gallimore Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School. Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to enter the following resolution into the Public Record. Motion carried unanimously. ***Canton Township Resolution Recognizing Gallimore Elementary School Whereas****, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at exceptional levels or where significant improvements are made in that academic achievement of students; and* ***Whereas****, National Blue Ribbon Schools designation by the United States Department of Education has become a symbol of excellence and quality recognized and revered in communities across the country; and* ***Whereas****, since its establishment Gallimore Elementary has held high expectations of academic excellence and provided support to help all students achieve; and* ***Whereas****, this commitment and focus has produced outstanding results, including an overall school top ranking of schools on the statewide assessment; and* ***Whereas,*** *Gallimore Elementary is one of 13 Michigan schools and 342 schools in the nation named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School;* ***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED****, the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby commend the Plymouth Canton Community School Board of Education; Monica Merritt, Superintendent; Aimee Bell, Principal; the faculty; staff; students; and the parents of Gallimore Elementary School on the occasion of Gallimore Elementary School recognition as a Blue Ribbon School.* **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Siegrist to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **PRESENTATION: College for Creative Studies Satellite Program** Mr. Don Soenen, President of PARC in Plymouth, gave a presentation outlining the background, goals, and benefits of this program. October 2017 CCS opened a satellite office in the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC). Ms. Jane Stewart, Director of Pre-College and Continuing Studies for CCS, gave an overview of the program(s) available at their satellite location in Plymouth and how this program will benefit the community. Ms. Stewart explained various types of classes that will be available at the Plymouth location, as well as, the scholarships available to students. Trustee Sneideman inquired about prerequisites for the classes and the application process. Ms. Stewart explained some of the classes do have prerequisites. More information is avail on their website at www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu. **PUBLIC HEARING: PH-1: Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018 Budget**. **(FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. There was no public comment. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony close the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m. on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018 Budget WHEREAS,** Act 359 of 1947, The Charter Township Act, requires that the annual budget be adopted by resolution and; **WHEREAS,** pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed 2018 budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on November 16, 2017 and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 28, 2017. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that estimated total revenues and expenditures for the 2018 fiscal year are hereby appropriated on a fund level basis. Totals by fund are as follows:

Fund #	Fund Description	2018 Proposed Budget
101	General Fund	$28,107,006
206	Fire Fund	15,044,000
207	Police Fund	20,106,665
208	Community Center Fund	3,719,816
219	Street Lighting	335,814
230	Cable TV	1,875,500
246	Community Improvement	3,125,950
248	Downtown Development Auth.	2,245,906
261	911 Service	455,000
266	WWN Forfeiture	549,500
274	CDBG	322,000
301	Energy Project Debt Service	384,612
403	Capital Projects - Roads	172,500
555	Solid Waste	4,262,000
584	Golf Course	3,930,029
592	Water and Sewer	40,345,667
661	Fleet Maintenance	2,158,256
736	Post-Employment Benefits	3,523,485
852	Special Assessment Debt Service	444,297

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor has the authority to approve budget adjustments between departments based upon recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton Board adopts the 2018 budget for the various funds on a fund level. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend Township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each fund. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall not be any new positions created that shall result in an increase in employee headcount within a department or division without prior Township Board approval. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Supervisor has the authority to fill existing vacant and budgeted positions and reclassified positions based upon the recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that claims against the Township shall be approved by the Charter Township of Canton Board prior to being paid. The Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer may authorize payment of certain claims prior to approval by the Township Board to avoid late penalties, service charges and interest, for example utilities and payroll, in accordance with approved salaries and hourly rates adopted by the Township Board. The Township Board shall receive a list of those claims paid prior to approval, for approval at the next Board meeting. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 Of The Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec. 90-93, the Cherry Hill Historic District, by Clarifying the Parcel Identification Number of Properties Identified as "Contributing" To The District And To Attach A Map Of The District As Referenced In The Ordinance (Legal). (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table and hold the second hearing of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 Of The Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec. 90-93, the Cherry Hill Historic District, by Clarifying the Parcel Identification Number of properties identified as "Contributing" to the District and to attach a map of the District as referenced in the Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt and publish the Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 Of The Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec. 90-93, the Cherry Hill Historic District, by Clarifying the Parcel Identification Number of properties identified as "Contributing" to the District and to attach a map of the District as referenced in the Ordinance to be publish and effective on December 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 90 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2, OF THE CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CHERRY HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT" TO REVISE SECTION 90-93 TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC ACT NO. 169 OF 1970. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE.** Chapter 90 of the Charter Township of Canton Code Ordinance, Article III, entitled "Historic Districts," Division 2, entitled "Specific Districts," Section 90-93 is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 90-93. - Cherry Hill historic district**. (a) - (b) [Unchanged.] (c) *Establishment*. (1) – (3) [Unchanged.] (d) *Boundaries*. The boundaries of the Cherry Hill historic district are hereby established as illustrated by the map attached to this ordinance. This map, together with all notations, information and references appearing thereon, shall be incorporated in this section and made a part of this section by this reference. (e) Identification of certain properties within district. The Cherry Hill historic district shall consist of the following described properties in the township. The attached map of the boundaries of the Cherry Hill district further identifies these properties. The following descriptions include, for further identification of the properties, the street address where applicable, and sidwell numbers. (1) Historic sites. a. [Unchanged.] (2) Contributing buildings and sites. a. – o. [Unchanged.] p. Easton/Jorgensen House**,** 51160 Cherry Hill Road, and Knudt Jorgensen House, 51252 Cherry Hill Road. C 21-71-071-99-0002-702 q. Loebestael House. 170 North Ridge Road C 21 71 072 99 0016 000 r. North Ridge Road. 425 North Ridge Road C 21 71 072 99 0011 000 s. Plant Dormitory. South Ridge Road C 21 71 074 99 0006 000 t. Church Parsonage. 341 South Ridge Road C 21 71 074 99 0008 004 u. Elliott/West House. 703 South Ridge Road C 21 71 074 99 0009 000 v. Henry Hauk House. 831 South Ridge Road C 21 71 074 99 0010 000 w. Hauk Farm Buildings. South Ridge Road (3) [Unchanged.] (f) – (h) [Unchanged.] **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE** All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance, as amended, shall be effective upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 28th day of November 2017, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Michael Siegrist, Clerk Introduced: November 14, 2017 Adopted: November 28, 2017 Published: December 7, 2017 Effective: December 7, 2017 Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item C-2. Consider 2018 Meeting Dates for the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the 2018 Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room E of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, quarterly on the designated Thursday of the established months. Meeting Dates: February 8, May 10, August 9, and November 8 of 2018. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider 2018 Meeting Dates for the Historic District Commission. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the 2018 Canton Historic District Commission meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, Michigan on the designated dates of January 3, April 4, August 1, and October 3 of 2018 Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Reappointment to the Building Board of Appeals. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Ron Pennington to the Building Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/19. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-5. Planning Commission Reappointments. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to reappoint Julia Perkins and Alan Okon to the Canton Township Planning Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-6. Planning Commission Appointment. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to appoint Laura Bennett to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-7. Planning Commission Alternate Appointment. (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to appoint Nancy Eggenberger to an alternate position on the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-8. Consider 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to set the 2018 Planning Commission Meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road as follows: 01/08/18, 02/05/18, 03/05/18, 04/09/18, 05/07/18, 06/04/18, 07/09/18, 08/13/18, 09/10/18, 10/08/18, 11/19/18, 12/03/18. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Approval of the Preliminary Planned Development for Bickford of Canton Senior Living Facility. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN Approval of the Preliminary Planned Development for Bickford of Canton Senior Living Facility WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of a Preliminary Planned Development for the Bickford of Canton Senior Living Facility, located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford Roads; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the conceptual development plan and draft development agreement made a recommendation to approve the request as it meets the criteria for a planned development, fulfills an identified need and results in definite benefits to the community; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for a Preliminary Planned Development for the Bickford of Canton Senior Living Facility, proposed on the north 3.67 acres a tax parcel #036-99-0006-717, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. Project Representative, Mr. Eby presented the board with copies of the PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the proposed development. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Preliminary Planned Development for Wellington on the Willow. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to pass the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN Approval of the Preliminary Planned Development for Wellington on the Willow WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested approval of a Preliminary Planned Development for Wellington on The Willow, located on the east side of Lotz Road and south of Ford Road; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the conceptual development plan and draft development agreement made a recommendation to approve the request as it meets the criteria for a planned development, fulfills an identified need and results in definite benefits to the community; **WHEREAS,** the Preliminary Planned Development is also consistent with the Statement of Conditions and conceptual plan approved as part of the Conditional Rezoning of the property to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential in November, 2016; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for a Preliminary Planned Development for Wellington on the Willow, proposed on tax parcel #s 049-99-0001-712, 049-99-0001-713, and 049-99-0001-714, as proposed, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Bid Award for Pump Replacement at Summit on the Park. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to award the bid for the Pump Replacement at the Summit on the Park to JETT Pump & Valve, 4770 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328 in the amount of $32,147 to be paid from Account # 246-750-970_0020, Community Improvement Fund, Capital Outlay Buildings and Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-4. Consider Request to Increase Blanket Purchase Order for Police Department. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve increasing the blanket purchase order issued to North Eastern Uniforms by $8,000 to accommodate the Police Department's uniform purchases through the remainder of 2017. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider the Purchase of Thermal Image Cameras. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the purchase of three complete FLIR-K65 thermal image camera packages, and four vehicle mounted chargers, in the amount of $19,667, from Madison Electric Company, Warren, MI. Clerk Siegrist withdrew his original motion. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the purchase of as many as possible complete FLIR-K65 thermal image camera packages, and four vehicle mounted chargers, in the amount of $19,667, from Madison Electric Company, Warren, MI. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider Purchasing One-Year Service Agreement for Motorola Dispatch Console. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the 2018 purchase of Motorola Solutions one year service agreement for the 800 mHz dispatch radio and E911 console equipment in the amount of $55,000. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Trustee Graham-Hudak asked if Director Meier could give an update on the CSX railroad crossing blockages. Director Meier stated a result of a meeting today with CSX and other municipalities experiencing similar problems, the township was notified that CSX has installed equipment at Koppernick and Haggerty Koppernick and Joy allowing the trains to be disconnected at the crossings and therefore not block the crossings for extended period of times. Supervisor Williams explained that the efforts and negotiations with CSX will continue in the future. Trustee Graham-Hudak commented after years of service, Sue Dodson will be stepping down from the Planning Commission. Supervisor Williams stated Sue would be recognized at the next regular board meeting. Director Meier stated Safe Home.org recently released its comparison of communities across the nation with 50,000 or more residents and Canton scored #7 in the state, ranking it in the top 25% of the safest homes in the nation. The Canton Township Tree Lighting Celebration will be December 6th at the Summit on the Park. Supervisor Williams requested the Board members each take one of the 5 goals they had worked on individually in a previous study session, and review it with the rest of the board during next week's study session. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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Council OKs contract with grant writer

The City of Romulus is getting help in bringing in additional funds to the community.

Members of the city council unanimously agreed to enter into a personal service contract last week for a grant writer to seek out funding for a variety of public safety issues.

"It's really going to help us in the public safety arena," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff.

The agreement with Cary Thompson, a former firefighter and grant-writer with more than 15 years experience, is specifically to write two grants: a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to help purchase a fire engine and another AFG grant to fund fire operations. Thompson has helped municipalities, including the City of Detroit and Dearborn, secure millions in grant funding. He could help the city apply for other grant opportunities, too, officials said.

> *It's for any public safety grant. I'm not just going to limit it to fire.*

"It's for any public safety grant. I'm not just going to limit it to fire," said Burcroff. "If there's anything in the emergency service arena grants available, we're going to go after them. We're looking for opportunities. If we can put it to use here in the City of Romulus and get grants, we're going to look for them."

The cost of his service will be paid from the proceeds of the grants the city receives.

Councilwoman Kathy Abdo said she'd like to see Thompson assist the city in securing grants for other areas, like recreation and community development, as well.

"It's a great idea," she said.

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who can benefit from the Skilled Trades Training Funds (STTF) program. This program benefits both employers and workers," Al Haidous, Wayne County Commissioner and member of the Governor's Talent Investment Board.

"The Michigan Skilled Trades Training Fund Grant has proven to be an extremely beneficial component to our ongoing training at Rapid Response EMS. The STTF grant has catapulted our training center into educating dozens of highly skilled Emergency Medical Technicians who are now working in the field, obtained additional job security and have become a vital part of our organization. Without hesitation, the STTF Grant has proven to significantly improve our training methods at Rapid Response EMS," said Jason Hosmer, vice president at Rapid Response EMS in Romulus.

His comments were echoed by Tracy Westcott of Environmental Testing & Consulting.

"The Skilled Trades Training Fund has made a monumental difference to our company. In 2016-17 we were awarded almost $33,000 of training funds and for 2017-18 we have been awarded another $68,000.

"These funds have allowed us to train our employees to a much higher standard than we could have achieved without this assistance. Further, it has significantly improved our staffs production, professionalism, knowledge and ability to satisfy our clients. With the help of the STTF, we have been able to increase our staff by nearly 50 percent in the past 1 ½ years.

" I highly recommend that any company utilizing skilled or scientific trades consider this fund to improve the companies staff and by extension the overall value of their company," Westcott, president of Environmental Testing & Consulting, said.

For more information about the Skilled Trades Training Fund, visit www.semca.org/sttf.html.

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Shooting of teen probed

Police are continuing the investigation into the shooting of a 17-year-old Inkster resident in Romulus last month.

According to police reports, the teen was wounded when gunfire erupted just after midnight Nov. 26 in the parking lot of the Coleman TJ Community Center, 35351 Beverly Road in Romulus.

Police have released minimal information regarding the incident, citing the age of the victim and fears of repercussions.

Apparently there was a party at the facility and several of those attending the event stepped outside into the parking lot where some type of altercation or argument ensued.

Police indicated that the teen was shot twice in the torso but would not confirm any details including the medical condition of the victim. Nearly all the bystanders or witnesses in the parking lot dispersed immediately when the shots were fired, police said.

The teen was transported to a hospital by ambulance for treatment of his injuries. Police have found no evidence of any other victims wounded at the scene.

Officers did say they believed the medical prognosis was a full recovery for the teen.

Initial reports from police indicated that the victim and the assailant knew each other.

Romulus police said investigators believe that only the person who shot the teen fired any shots during the incident.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to call Romulus Police at (734) 941-8400.

Residents protest well plan

Area residents crowded the Romulus Athletic Center last week during a public hearing regarding the two controversial hazardous waste wells operating in the city.

The hearing, scheduled by the Environmental Protection Agency, was in response to an application from the well owners and operators, Environmental Geo-Technologies, LLC seeking to increase the pressure at which the hazardous waste is injected into the ground at a depth of nearly a mile.

Members of the audience voiced their concerns regarding the effect of the added pressure on the environment and public health. Critics of the wells have been citing health concerns for more than 20 years.

No decision was made at the meeting.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2017

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, , Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-387 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo,** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 6, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Chairperson's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced that the APA's annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017 – for more information contact Darnell Hearst at 734-746-2656.

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

17-388 5A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Sylvia Makowski to the Municipal Library Board with a term to expire on April 11, 2018. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-389 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to amend the existing subscription agreement with Munetrix in order to include the Financial Data Analytic Tool to the City's platform and also waive the bidding process as the additional cost would be $1,975.20, for a total cost of $7,945.20. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-390 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the closure of Goddard Road between Porter Street and the bowling alley, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-391 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and appoint Celeste Roscoe as the City Council representative on the City of Romulus Planning Commission. The appointment to be concurrent with Councilperson Roscoe's City Council term. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. Clerk's Report:

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that any items left in the cemetery after November 16th will be discarded.

17-392 6A1. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to appoint Councilwoman Tina Talley as Chairwoman Pro-Tem. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-393 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule the regular meetings of the Romulus City Council on the first, second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-394 6A3. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official form of parliamentary procedure for the Council meetings. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-395 6A4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Barden, Councilwoman Talley, and Councilman Wadsworth to the Advisory Appointment Committee. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-396 6A5. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg and approve the appointment of Barbara Fitzgerald as Deputy Clerk. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-397 6A6. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to appoint Councilwoman Abdo to the City of Romulus (Employee) Pension Committee. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None **Motion Carried Unanimously**

17-398 6A7. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to appoint Councilman Wadsworth to serve as the City Retirees' Healthcare Council Representative for a two-year term. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried.**

6A8. Deleted from Clerk's Report and added to Mayor's Report (5D).

17-399 6A9. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to appoint Councilwoman Abdo as the Council liaison to the Cemetery Board of Trustees with the term to run concurrent with Councilwoman Abdo's Council term.

Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked Councilwoman Abdo if this appointment will interfere with her other appointment; answer no. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-400 6A10(a). Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve the following:

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the property coming back to the City.

Councilwoman Williams asked about the plans for the properties; Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director replied – demolition.

The City of Romulus wishes to acquire the following parcels that are listed on the "Unsold Tax Foreclosure Properties for Year 2017" list dated 11.01.2017:

80 015 99 0007 000 aka 6578 Washington
80 020 01 0068 000 aka vacant land on Park Place
80 020 01 0069 000 aka 36282 Park Place
80 020 01 0070 000 aka vacant land on Park Place
80 030 01 0001 000 aka vacant land at Ecorse & Ozga
80 044 01 0495 000 aka 7331 Kempa
80 048 99 0002 000 aka 28585 Smith

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-401 6A10(b). Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve that the City of Romulus acquire the following parcels that are listed on the "Unsold Tax Foreclosure Properties for Year 2017" list dated 11-01-2017:

Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the property coming back to the City. Councilwoman Williams asked about the plans for the properties.

The City of Romulus does NOT wish to acquire the following parcels that are listed on the "Unsold Tax Foreclosure Properties for Year 2017" list dated 11.01.2017:

80 003 02 0004 300 aka vacant land on Harrison
80 077 02 0043 301 aka vacant land on Moore
80 077 09 0033 300 aka vacant land on Gabriel
80 079 01 0068 000 aka vacant land on Grant & Schultz
80 100 01 0141 302 aka vacant land on New York
80 144 01 0106 301 aka vacant land on Farnum

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-402 6A11. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-13, General Fund. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-403 6A12. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-14, Vining Road Extension – Ecorse Road Construction. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-404 6A13. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-15, CDBG. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-405 6A14. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-16, CDBG. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-406 6A15. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to appoint Councilman Wadsworth as the Council liaison to the Municipal Library Board with the term to run concurrent with Councilman Wadsworth's Council term. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried.**

6B. Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced the need for turkeys and canned goods at Helping Hands.

17-407 6B1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the recommendation of City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, and approve the appointment of Tracy Leininger as Deputy City Treasurer. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-408 6B2. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a resolution designating Comerica Bank, Chase Bank and Portfolio Funds as depositories in which the funds for the City of Romulus shall be deposited. A copy of its entirety is on file in the Clerk's Office. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Public Comment:

Resident spoke about coyotes being around his house. Resident asked about how much money has been spent on Vining Road and also about the process of getting a handicap sign. Jan Lemmon, Chairperson, Cemetery Board of Trustees, welcomed the new Councilmembers. Bob McCraight, City Building and Safety Director, spoke about "Wreaths Across America." A resident asked if the City could purchase a leaf vacuum so the DPW could clean the leaves from residential properties. Mark Edwards, School Representative, thanked voters for passing one of the school proposals (Hold Harmless).

8. Unfinished Business:

Tim Keyes, City Economic Development Director, spoke about the Vining Road Extension from Smith to Ecorse Road. Jadie Settles, City Police Chief, said he would look into the process of obtaining a handicap sign. Mayor Burcroff commented that residents bag their leaves and said the City vacuuming the leaves from residents' yards would be quite an expense; however, he will look into the matter. City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, commented that November 20th is the last day for yard-waste pick-up and in some areas leaves are just starting to fall – could the deadline be extended because of the late falling of leaves? Mayor Burcroff commented that his office will check with Waste Management about extending the deadline for pick-up of yard waste.

9. New Business:

Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder: people who are looking for pets as holiday gifts to check the animal shelters. Councilwoman Williams inquired about neighborhood watch signs.

10. Communication:

Councilwoman Talley announced the Christian Ministerial Alliance's community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Union Grove Church.

17- 409 1A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 17-21 in the amount of $993,832.85. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

17-410 11B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to pay Warrant 17-21E in the amount of $12,820.00. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2017.

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Wayne - Westland

Church vandals sought

The investigation into vandalism at a Michigan Avenue church in Wayne is still under way, according to Wayne police.

Vandals reportedly kicked in doors and broke the windows Nov. 27 at a former Burger King next door to the New Hope Baptist Church in the 33000 block of Michigan Avenue. The church had purchased the former fast-food outlet to use as a community center and Head Start preschool program.

The Rev. Virgil Humes of New Hope Baptist said that this is the third time the church has been the target of vandals during the past 27 years.

In this latest incident, vandals attempted to also damage one of the church vans parked on the property. The former Burger King is currently under renovation for use by the church, officials said.

Vandals smashed seven windows and a doorway in the incident which Humes reportedly said he suspects was racially motivated.

The church was first vandalized at a different location by two members of the European Educational Association who were apprehended following an investigation by the FBI, Wayne County and Michigan State Police. One of the two went to prison while the second provided community service hours to the church.

The church was vandalized again in 2009 but the perpetrators were not apprehended in that incident.

The church currently has about 1,800 members, according to Hume.

Anyone with information about the vandalism is asked to call the Wayne Police Department at (734) 721-1414.

Signing on

Wayne Memorial High School senior and varsity basketball player Camree Clegg signed her National Letter of Intent Nov. 10. Next fall, she will attend Clemson University in South Carolina and play basketball for the Clemson Tigers. Rashad Williams, a senior varsity basketball player at Wayne Memorial, also signed a National Letter of Intent. He will attend Cleveland State University next fall and play for the Vikings.

City hall juried art show under way

Three Cities Art Club will present the 6th annual juried artist's exhibition at Westland Gallery at City Hall through Jan. 30.

Original fine art including oil, acrylic, watercolor, printmaking, air brush, collage, pencil and photography were selected for inclusion in the show by well known local photographer, writer and teacher Monte Nagler.

The field of 113 entries submitted by 33 artists was narrowed to about 60 works of art by Nagler.

"I have juried numerous art and photography contests over the years and this one rates right up at the top. There is tremendous talent in southeast Michigan as evidenced by this stunning and dynamic body of work both photography and non-photography," Nagler said.

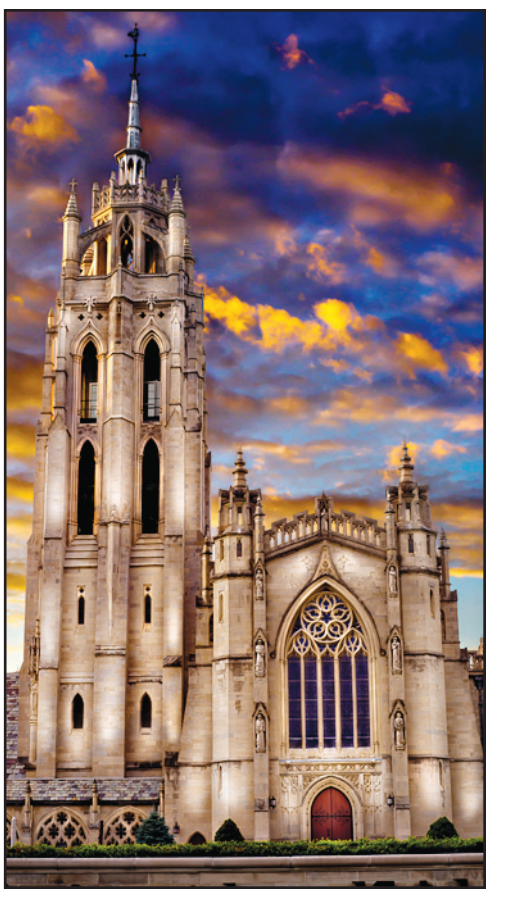
Nagler also chose the winners for prizes awarded for best of show, first, second and third place plus three honorable mention prize winners in the two categories - photography and all others. Westland Mayor William Wild once again selected his favorite piece for his personal $100 "Wild about Art Award." The prizes total more than $1,100.

The public is invited to the free Art and Appetizers Reception from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. today, Dec. 7 when many of the artists will be available to talk with attendees. Winning artists will receive their awards at about 6 p.m. and Nagler will talk about why he judged selections to win prizes. Live music will be provided by Alvorada.

Located at 36300 Warren Road, just west of Westland Mall, in Westland City Hall, the Gallery at City Hall exhibition continues through the end of January and is open to the public any time city hall is open. Free guided gallery tours are available for individuals or groups which can be arranged or art purchased by calling (313) 231-3939.

The event is sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Center and D&M Art Studio. To learn more about the exhibition, attending the event or about Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or via e-mail at marilynmeredith@wowway.com or visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

Mireille Ripley, Brasserie Provençale - Best of Show in Non-Photography



Dennis Koski, Kirk in the Hills - Best of Show in Photography

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On December 12, 2017 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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Calendar of events

Veterans post needs new home

The American Legion Westland Post 251 is in need of a temporary building or home the veterans could maintain including minor repair work, if needed, painting, maintenance of a parking lot and/or yard work.

The group would also pay utility bills at the home or building.

Anyone who may be able to help the veterans group is asked to contact Post Commander Bill Acton at (734) 776-5491.

Acton noted that the veterans are in need of assistance in finding a location for the post operations.

Shopping day celebrates city

Christmas in Plymouth shopping day is planned for 5-9 p.m. today, Dec. 7, throughout downtown Plymouth. There will be carriage rides, wagon rides, caroling, music and a festive holiday atmosphere along with plenty of special holiday sales at both merchants and restaurants.

Santa and his live reindeer will appear, along with his elves.

For more information, visit plymouthmich.org.

Christmas at the Capitol planned

State Sen. David Knezek will host Christmas at the Capitol for Inkster residents tomorrow, Dec. 8.

Visitors will check in at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex at 8 a.m. and the bus will depart for Lansing at 8:30 a.m. Arrival back at Inkster is expected at about 4:30 p.m.

The trip is free and includes transportation by chartered bus, a personal tour of the Michigan State Capitol with Knezek, phonographs on the Senate Floor, lunch and a t-shirt.

Those interested should RSVP to Denise Champagne at (313) 651-2382 and include their t-shirt size.

Children's workshops planned

The Belleville Area Museum will offer Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 9 and again on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and required for groups. The cost is $2 per child.

The Belleville Area Museum, serving the communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren, is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For reservations or information, call the museum at (734) 697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

Goodfellows serve chicken dinner

The Inkster Goodfellows will host a Baked Chicken Dinner from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

The center is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

The cost is $10 and all proceeds go toward the Goodfellows No Child "Without a Christmas," campaign.

The menu includes baked chicken, green beans, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls and cake.

Foundation hosts holiday reception at Inspire Theater

The Westland Community Foundation will host the annual Christmas Reception at Westland Performing Arts Inspire Theatre. The Ultimate Christmas Show will have the audience crying (from laughter). The play is about An Annual Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church, where all faiths are welcome because "we'll believe anything." But there's a problem: None of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so the three members of the organizing committee are pressed into service to perform the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant by themselves.

The reception is planned for 6-7:30 Thursday, Dec. 14, followed by the performance at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and hors d' oeuvres prepared by Chef Tony and the students from the Culinary Arts Department of William D. Ford Career Technical Center will be provided.

The cost is $35 per person plus two unwrapped new toys as a donation for the children of the Westland Salvation Army.

Tickets for only the reception are $20, plus two unwrapped gifts.

Limited seating is available and early reservations are suggested. To reserve a seat, call Lynette Hobyak (734) 595-7727. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Inspire Theatre is located just East of Wayne Road at 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

Business casual dress is suggested.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club will meet from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Dec.13 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will begin with the annual group holiday potluck dinner with live musical performances from some members. There will also be an exhibition of stereoview cards made by members, and many 3D items on display and for sale.

The meeting will conclude with a 3D image competition on the theme 'Anything Fun'.

Meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Holiday Pops concert set

The Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra will present the annual yuletide musical celebration, Holiday Pops with the Phil from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth.

The theater is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Tickets are priced from $10-$30. For information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

Church hosts dinner

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church will host the Annual Christmas Community Dinner from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

The church is located at 29066 Eton St. in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 721-2557.

The event is open to the public.

Senior Book Club meets

The Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Romulus Senior Center.

Adults 55 are welcome to join the free sessions.

Copies of the books for discussion include Rules of Civility by Amor Towles and Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin.

Both books are available at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Meals

FROM PAGE 1

"There are many ways to help this wonderful cause, like helping to get the word out to veterans and their families or by donating. Every bit really does help."

Donations can be made online by visiting the Wayne Ford Civic League Facebook page or in person at the Wayne Ford Civic League, located at 1661 N. Wayne Road. Donations are also being accepted at Wild's office in Westland City Hall on Warren Road..

"As a veteran I was proud to begin this tradition with Mayor Wild and State Rep. Kosowski 4 years ago," commented Barra. "Every year we are able to help more and more people and to see it grow as more veterans become aware of the effort is extremely rewarding. I appreciate the continued support of our local elected officials and this year's sponsors D&B Grocers and Heartland Market."

"This is the forth year that we have partnered on this cause that is very important to us," said Kosowski. "We want to ensure that every veteran in our district has everything they need for a delicious meal around the holidays to show our thanks for their service."

"The veterans of our community have given the ultimate sacrifice by putting their life on the line to defend those here at home. It is our duty to take care of those distinguished members who have served our country," commented Wild. "Providing free turkeys for the holiday is our way of honoring the veterans of Wayne and Westland."

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